

Missouri Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Mississippi Delta Region Scoring Worksheet - FY03

Field Office:	Date:
Applicant(s):	
Address:	
Farm Number:	Tract Number:
Acres in Application:	
LRF:	New Farmer:
Livestock Operation:	if yes, type:

Complete this scoring worksheet for each concern below. Score each tract on a separate scoring worksheet. Award points for practices planned to receive cost share and/or incentive payments. The final score will be the cumulative score of the three resource concern areas and the Special Emphasis Area.

Percent Planned	Available Points	Points Awarded
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Special Emphasis/Water Quality Areas - 20 point maximum

(1)	Offered acres are in the watershed of a 303d list stream. EQIP planned practice(s) must address the water quality concern in the watershed area identified.	10		
	OR			
	Offered acres are in the watershed of a public drinking water supply reservoir.	5		
(2)	Percent of unbuffered perennial or intermittent streams, wetlands, sinkholes, or permanent waterbodies planned for buffers.	% X 8		
(3)	Planned well plugging of all abandoned well(s) on offered acres.	2		
Sub Total (A + B + C) =		20		

Livestock Concerns - 70 point maximum (minimum of 20% of the tract acres must be planned for a prescribed grazing system to earn points in #5 below)

(4)	Planned improvements made to an <u>existing</u> animal waste management system - such as implementing a waste utilization plan, installing manure transfer pipe, installing roofing over existing facilities, adding a composter to a facility, adding solid separation, adding a flush system or similar improvements, closing or converting an existing animal waste facility. Also planned improvements to address air quality such as animal waste digestors and/or farmstead windbreaks designed to control odors.	35		
	OR			
	Planned replacement of an inadequate or failing animal waste system or planned installation of a system on an <u>existing</u> operation for collection, storage and/or treatment of animal waste.			
	a. Planned 0-50% expansion.	35		
	b. Planned 51%-100% expansion.	25		
	c. Planned >100% of expansion.	15		
	OR			
	Planned installation of a <u>new</u> animal waste system for collection, storage, treatment for a <u>new</u> livestock operation and/or enterprise.	10		
(5)	Planned <u>new</u> prescribed grazing system:	25		
	a. 8 or more paddocks			
	b. 4-7 paddocks	18		
	OR			
	<u>Existing</u> prescribed grazing system with plans to increase paddocks by 4 or more new paddocks.	10		
(6)	Plan to convert a minimum of 20% of existing cool season pasture and/or hayland acres to native warm season grasses.	6		
(7)	Plan to improve a minimum of 30% of existing pasture acres by interseeding legumes.	4		
Sub Total (E + F + G + H) =		70		

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CROPLAND CONCERNS - 40 point maximum (minimum of 25% of the tract must address cropland issues to earn ANY points)						
(8)	Percent of offered acres of irrigated cropland planned to address Irrigation Water Management.		% X 10			J
(9)	Percent of offered cropland acres planned to address soil erosion through non-structural practices (excluding Irrigation Water Management) or treated to address air quality (any practice(s) that will have positive impacts on air quality, including crop rotation, cover crops, and/or buffer practices).		% X 10			K
(10)	Percent of offered cropland acres planned to address Nutrient Management.		% X 8			L
(11)	Percent of offered cropland acres planned to address Pest Management.		% X 5			M
(12)	Majority of the tract is shallow to groundwater - Less than 5 feet to "apparent" (not "perched") water table (eFOTG Section II).		4			N
(13)	Planned predominant Hydrologic Soil Group for the offered acres is either A (leaching) or D (runoff).		3			O
Sub Total (J + K + L + M + N + O) =			40			P
WILDLIFE AND FORESTRY CONCERNS - 20 point maximum (minimum of 10 acres of the tract must address wildlife and/or forestry issues, or 10% of application acres, whichever is greater)						
(14)	Percent of cropland fields planned for winter flooding.		% X 4			Q
(15)	Create, enhance or restore wildlife habitat of threatened, rare and/or declining species through:					R
	a. Establishment of "hard" woody cover: Hedgerows, Timber Stand Improvement, Edge Improvement, etc. OR Agroforestry practices (alley cropping, silvopastoral, forest farming, riparian forest buffer or windbreak/shelterbelt).		5			
	b. Establishment of field borders using a mix of wildlife friendly grasses and legumes.		5			S
	c. Sand prairie restoration.		2			T
	d. Seasonal wetlands, excluding winter cropland flooding.		2			U
	e. Permanent wetland.		2			V
Sub Total (Q + R + S + T + U + V) =			20			W
Total Points (D + I + P + W) =					150	

I am submitting this Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) application to NRCS for consideration. I understand that any practices started prior to an application being selected for funding and approved as a contract are not eligible for EQIP funding.

Signature of Applicant Date

Signature of NRCS/SWCD Technical Representative Date

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